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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN PLANES IN AZORES

REFERENCE: LISBON 547

1. RUSSIAN PLANES WITH RUSSIAN PILOTS UNDER CHARTER TO CUBAN NATIONAL AIRLINE HAVE BEEN MAKING FUEL STOPS AT SANTA MARIA ON MORE OR LESS REGULAR BASIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. NO PASSENGERS EMBARK OR DISEMBARK. RECENTLY POLISH PLANE CARRYING ED WYRGEIIREK BACK TO POLAND STOPPED SANTA MARIA FOR FUEL.

2. NEW SUBJECT: VITOR CRUZ. CRUZ MEMBERSHIP IN MAPA WELL KNOWN IN PONTA DELGADA AS IS HIS POSITION AT CONSULATE. RECENT EXPRESSO ARTICLE IS FIRST KNOWN PUBLIC ATTEMPT MAKE USE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO ALLEGE CONNECTION BETWEEN MAPA AND USG. CRUZ IN FACT NOT MAJOR FIGURE IN MAPA. HE MAKES NO SECRET OF SYMPATHIES BUT IS NOT PART OF LEADERSHIP GROUP, DOES NOT WRITE COMMUNIQUE OR OTHER MATERIALS AND DOES NOT SPEAK AT OR EVEN ATTEND MAPA RALLIES. HE DOES HAVE EXCELLENT SOURCES WITHIN MAPA AND ELSEWHERE, MAKING HIM VALUABLE INFORMATION SOURCE. CRUZ MAIN CLAIM TO FAME IS AS DRAFTER WITHIN FEW DAYS APRIL REVOLUTION OF DOCUMENT CALLING FOR AZOREAN SELF DETERMINATION. DOCUMENT WAS CIRCULATED AND SEIZED UPON BY OTHERS AS BASIS FOR WHAT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME MAPA.

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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE SACRIFICING CRUZ WILL END ATTEMPTS TO MANUFACTURE FICTICIOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN MAPA AND USG (SEE BELOW) AND MIGHT EVEN HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT. AT BEST DISMISING HIM LIKELY TO BE SEEN AS APPEASEMENT OF LOCAL LEFTISTS.

4. NEW SUBJECT: NEW IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULATE. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICIALS THAT WE MUST HEREAFTER PROVIDE LIST AND PERMIT INSPECTION OF GOODS BROUGHT TO SAO MIGUEL FROM LAJES, EXCLUDING MAIL. FRIENDLY OFFICIAL ADVISES THAT NEW REQUIREMENT STEMS FROM DESIRE OF NEW HEAD OF FISCAL GUARE TO ALLAY HIS OWN SUSPICIONS OR PURPORTED SUSPICIONS OF OTHERS THAT CONSULATE IS BRINGING ARMS FOR MAPA. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO REQUIREMENT IN CASE SOME ONE ACTUALLY BELIEVES WE MIGHT BE BRINGING IN ARMS AND REQUIREMENT IS NOT MERELY HARRASSMENT. NEW FISCAL GUARD CHIEF, LIEUTANANT JORGE AFONSO FREITAS LIMA, IS FROM CONTINENT, EITHER ARMY OR REPUBLICAN GUARD OFFICER. MAY BE MEMBER MFA. DANIELS

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